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December 12, 2016

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Dear [Non Responsive]

Re: OCR #05-17-2028

On October 31, 2016, the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received the above-referenced complaint you filed against Purdue University (University) alleging discrimination on the basis of sex [Non Responsive]. We conducted the evaluation in accordance with OCR's *Case Processing Manual* to determine whether to open the complaint for investigation. We have determined that we have the authority to investigate this complaint.

Specifically, the complaint alleges that [Non Responsive] the University subjected [Non Responsive] to discrimination based on sex. The complaint raises whether the University fails to promptly and equitably respond to complaints, reports and/or incidents [Non Responsive] of which it had notice [Non Responsive]. [Non Responsive] thereby creating for students a sexually hostile environment.

OCR is responsible for enforcing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance from the Department. As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department, the University is subject to this law. Additional information about the laws OCR enforces is available on our website at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.

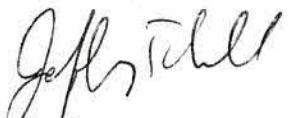
Because OCR has determined that it has jurisdiction and that the complaint was filed timely, it is opening the complaint for investigation. Please note that opening the complaint for investigation in no way implies that OCR has made a determination with regard to its merit. During the investigation, OCR is a neutral fact-finder, collecting and analyzing relevant evidence from the complainant, the recipient, and other sources, as appropriate. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient and is dispositive of the allegation, in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the *Case Processing Manual*.

The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

When appropriate, a complaint may be resolved before the conclusion of an investigation when the recipient expresses an interest to resolve the complaint. In such cases, a resolution must be aligned with the complaint allegation or the information obtained during the investigation and it must be consistent with applicable regulations. Information about this is in the enclosure to this letter.

OCR is committed to prompt and effective service. We will communicate with you periodically regarding the status of your complaint. If you have any questions, please contact Salina Gamboa, Equal Opportunity Specialist, at 312-730-1627 or [Salina.Gamboa@ed.gov](mailto:Salina.Gamboa@ed.gov).

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Turnbull  
Team Leader

Enclosure

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Mr. Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
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Purdue University  
610 Purdue Mall  
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Re: OCR Docket #05-17-2028

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Please read the enclosed document entitled "OCR Complaint Processing Procedures," which includes information about:

- OCR's complaint processing procedures;
- Regulatory prohibitions against retaliation and intimidation of persons who file complaints with OCR or participate in an OCR investigation; and
- Application of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act to OCR investigations.

OCR intends to conduct a prompt investigation of this complaint. The regulation implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at 34 C.F.R. § 100.6(b) and (c) requires that a recipient of federal financial assistance make available to OCR information that may be pertinent to a compliance determination. This requirement is incorporated by reference in the regulation implementing Title IX at 34 C.F.R. § 106.71. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 100.6(c) and 34 C.F.R. § 99.31(a) (3) (iii) of the regulation implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, OCR may review personally identifiable records without regard to considerations of privacy or confidentiality.

Accordingly, OCR is requesting that you provide the following information to us within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of this letter. Wherever possible, please provide the requested information in electronic format. If responsive data are available through the Internet, please provide the link to the data. Please note that OCR will use the information about University policies, procedures, and practices provided in its response to OCR complaint #05-16-2264 as part of its investigation of this case.

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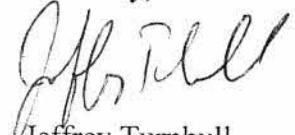
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. In addition to the information requested above, OCR may need to request additional information and interview pertinent personnel. If an on-site visit is necessary, we will work to schedule a mutually convenient time for the visit.

Please notify OCR of the name, address, and telephone number of the person who will serve as the University's contact person during the processing of this complaint. We would like to talk with this person as soon as possible to discuss the processing of this complaint and at that time, we will provide the identity of [Non Responsive]

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